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(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Hisashi Saiga et al.

Application No.: 10/049,513

Confirmation Number: 4067

Filed: February 12, 2002

Art Unit: 2624

For: IMAGE ENCODING DEVICE AND METHOD
THEREFOR, IMAGE DECODING
APPARATUS AND METHOD THEREFOR,
AND COMPUTER-READABLE RECORDED
MEDIUM RECORDED ON WHICH IMAGE
ENCODING PROGRAM AND IMAGE
DECODING PROGRAM ARE RECORDED

Examiner: Do, Anh Hong

RESPONSE TO NOTICE REGARDING DRAWING

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice Regarding Drawings issued 15 December 2005 in the above-identified application, submitted herewith is one set (twenty-two sheets, Fig. 1 - Fig. 22) of corrected drawings for filing in the above-identified patent application.

Specifically, the Office Draftperson objected to the drawings for reasons stated in the Notice Regarding Drawings (PTO-948 Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Review) dated December 15, 2005. In particular, in Figures 1-22 were objected to as containing copy machines marks, and Figures 1-4 also were objected to based upon the lack of clarity of the characters appearing therein.

During a telephone conversation between Mr. Nhan Tang of the United States Patent and Trademark Office and Applicants' undersigned representative on 22 December 2005, it was agreed that Figures 1-4 do not have to be changed with respect to the clarity of the characters appearing therein because the blurred lettering appearing in those Figures is representative of the state of the prior art that is to be improved upon by the present invention.

The enclosed new drawings correct the informalities in Figures 1-22 noted by the Office Draftsman.

Favorable consideration of the enclosed drawings, therefore, is respectfully requested.

Dated: January 9, 2006

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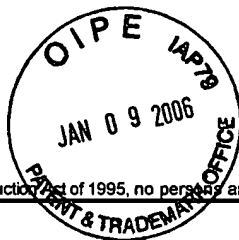
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Replacement Drawings (22 pages)
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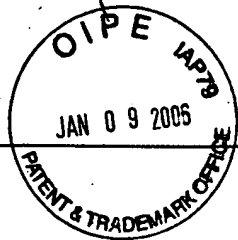
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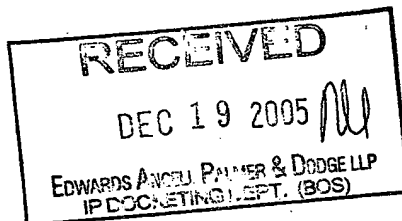
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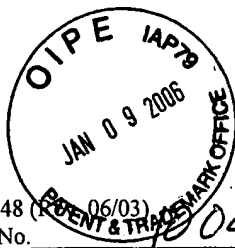
Notice Regarding Drawings

Corrected drawings for the above-identified application, received in the USPTO on 02/12/2002 are still not acceptable for the reason(s) identified on the attached PTO-948. Applicant is given one opportunity to correct the informalities within a two-month time period from the mailing date of this Notice. **THIS TIME PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE UNDER EITHER 37 CFR 1.136(a) OR 1.136(b).** Failure to take corrective action within the set period will result in abandonment of the application.

ATTACHMENT: PTO-948 Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Review
Nhan Tang -703-305-0333 - Ext. 132

RETURN CORRECTED DRAWINGS TO:

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Form PTO-948 (Rev. 06/03)
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NOTICE OF DRAFTSPERSON'S PATENT DRAWING REVIEW

The drawing(s) filed (insert date) 02/12/02 are:

- A. ☐ approved by the Draftsperson under 37 CFR 1.84 or 1.152.
B. ☒ objected to by the Draftsperson under 37 CFR 1.84 or 1.152 for the reasons indicated below. Corrected drawings are required.

COPY

1. DRAWINGS. 37 CFR 1.84(a): Acceptable categories of drawings: Black ink or Color (3 sets required).

- ☐ Color drawings are not acceptable until petition is granted. Fig(s) _____
☐ Pencil and non black ink not permitted. Fig(s) _____

2. PHOTOGRAPHS. 37 CFR 1.84(b)

- ☐ One (1) full-tone set is required. Fig(s) _____
☐ Photographs may not be mounted. 37 CFR 1.84(e)
☐ Photographs must meet paper size requirements of 37 CFR 1.84(f). Fig(s) _____
☐ Poor quality (half-tone). Fig(s) _____

3. TYPE OF PAPER. 37 CFR 1.84(e)

- ☐ Paper not flexible, strong, white, and durable. Fig(s) _____

☒ Erasures, alterations, overwritings, interlineations, folds, copy machine marks not accepted. Fig(s) 1-22

4. SIZE OF PAPER. 37 CFR 1.84(f): Acceptable sizes:

- 21.0 cm by 29.7 cm (DIN size A4) or
21.6 cm by 27.9 cm (8 1/2 x 11 inches)
☐ All drawing sheets not the same size. Sheet(s) _____
☐ Drawing sheets not an acceptable size. Fig(s) _____

5. MARGINS. 37 CFR 1.84(g): Acceptable margins:

- Top 2.5 cm Left 2.5 cm Right 1.5 cm Bottom 1.0 cm
☐ Margins not acceptable. Fig(s) _____
☐ Top (T) _____ Left (L) _____
☐ Right (R) _____ Bottom (B) _____

6. VIEWS. 37 CFR 1.84(h)

REMINDER: Specification may require revision to correspond to drawing changes, e.g., if Fig. 1 is changed to Fig. 1A, Fig 1B and Fig. 1C, etc., the specification, at the Brief Description of the Drawings, must likewise be changed.

- ☐ Views not labeled separately or properly. Fig(s) _____

7. SECTIONAL VIEWS. 37 CFR 1.84(h)(3)

- ☐ Sectional designation should be noted with Arabic or Roman numbers. Fig(s) _____

8. ARRANGEMENT OF VIEWS. 37 CFR 1.84(i)

- ☐ Words do not appear on a horizontal, left-to-right fashion when page is either upright or turned so that the top becomes the right side, except for graphs. Fig(s) _____

9. SCALE. 37 CFR 1.84(k)

- ☐ Scale not large enough to show mechanism without crowding when drawing is reduced in size to two-thirds in reproduction. Fig(s) _____

10. CHARACTER OF LINES, NUMBERS, & LETTERS. 37 CFR 1.84(l)

- ☒ Lines, numbers & letters not uniformly thick and well defined, clean, durable, and black (poor line quality). Fig(s) 1-4

11. SHADING. 37 CFR 1.84(m)

- ☐ Solid black areas pale. Fig(s) _____
☐ Solid black shading not permitted. Fig(s) _____

12. NUMBERS, LETTERS, & REFERENCE CHARACTERS. 37 CFR 1.84(p)

- ☒ Numbers and reference characters not plain and legible. Fig(s) 1-4
☐ Figure legends are poor. Fig(s) _____
☐ Numbers and reference characters not oriented in the same direction as the view. 37 CFR 1.84(p)(1) Fig(s) _____
☐ English alphabet not used. 37 CFR 1.84(p)(2) Fig(s) _____

- ☒ Numbers, letters and reference characters must be at least 32 cm (1/8 inch) in height. 37 CFR 1.84(p)(3). Fig(s) 1-4

13. LEAD LINES. 37 CFR 1.84(q)

- ☐ Lead lines missing. Fig(s) _____

14. NUMBERING OF SHEETS OF DRAWINGS. 37 CFR 1.84(t)

- ☐ Sheets not numbered consecutively, and in Arabic numbers beginning with number 1. Sheet(s) _____

15. NUMBERING OF VIEWS. 37 CFR 1.84(u)

- ☐ Views not numbered consecutively, and in Arabic numerals, beginning with number 1. Fig(s) _____

16. DESIGN DRAWINGS. 37 CFR 1.152

- ☐ Surface shading shown not appropriate. Fig(s) _____
☐ Solid black surface shading is not permitted except when used to represent the color black as well as color contrast. Fig(s) _____

COMMENTS:

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